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Applicant: Bernd Waldmann
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For: CLEANING ASSEMBLY FOR MOTOR VEHICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56 with respect to the above-captioned patent application.

Applicant is aware of two references to which their respective disclosures relate to the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-captioned patent application. The first reference is a Japanese patent application having publication number JP328 4 450. It discloses a tubular member 1 which is fixed and retained. A hose 2 is held by means of a chuck 46 at the tip of a hand 40 (A). An end portion 2a of the hose 2 is made to approach to the end portion of the tubular member 1 at the angle of 45° with regard to its axis. The end portion 2a of the hose 2 is put on the end portion of the tubular member 1 (B). The hose 2 is turned so that the axis of the hose 2 may coincide with the axis of the tubular member 1 with the end portion 2a of the hose 2, and then the end portion 2a of the hose 2 is inserted temporarily into the tubular member 1 (C). The hose 2 is slightly pulled out once, and then the end portion 2a of the hose 2 is inserted into the tubular member 1 up to determined depth (C). Afterwards, the vicinity of an end portion 2b on the opposite side of the hose 2 is held by means of the hand 40 (D), and the hand 40 is rotated by 180° and action shifts to insertion action into another tubular member of the end portion 2b of the opposite side.

The second reference is JP 551 56 740. It discloses a T-shaped pipe 3 provided with cleaning liquid spraying nozzles installed at several places along an upper portion of a hood

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frame 2, which is secured along a surface of a mirror 1. A pipe 8 and a hose 16 are connected to a tank 12 for a window washer. When it is rainy, cleaning liquid from the tank 12 for the window washer passes through the window washer line 13 and is sprayed. At the same time, the cleaning liquid is sprayed on the surface of the mirror 1 from the cleaning liquid jet nozzles 4 through the hose 16 and pipe 8 to wash off attached mud and rain drops.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 or the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0852.

Respectfully submitted,

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